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**Fire Assistance**

Dear Friends,

It is likely that each of us knows of someone who has either lost their home or was effected in some way by the massive extent of the Southland fires. Given this circumstance, I am forwarding to you information from the American Red Cross, and the Personal Insurance Federation of California. Please forward this memo to anyone you know who has experienced a loss due to the tragic fires.

**Federal Assistance:**

**FEMA:** For help with temporary housing assistance, disaster loans, or any other needs assistance grants call (800) 621-FEMA (3362).

**California Tax Relief:**

**Immediate Property Tax Relief:** Under existing law, property taxes may be reduced allowing the county assessor, under specified conditions, to reassess the property following a disaster.

**Property Tax Deferral:** Existing law further provides that where real property has been damaged or destroyed by a disaster, the reconstructed property will maintain the assessed value of the pre-damaged property. Any property owner whose real property has been substantially damaged or destroyed due to these fires, and who has applied for property tax relief, may apply to defer payment of property taxes.

\*For more information on tax relief and qualifications, please contact your tax advisor.

**Insurance Contacts:**

Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi (<http://www.insurance.ca.gov/docs/index.html>)  
Allstate (800) 547-8676  
Auto Club of Southern California (800) 672-5246

California Casualty (800) 800-9410  
Farmers (800) 435-7764/ Spanish Line: (877) 732-5266  
Fireman's Fund (888) 347-3428  
Liberty Mutual (800) 225-2467  
MetLife Home and Auto (800) 422-4272  
NationWide (877) 422-6800  
Oregon Mutual (800) 934-3809  
Prudential (800) 437-3535  
USAA (800) 531-8222  
SAFECO (800) 332-3226  
State Farm (800) 732-5246  
Traveler's (800) 252-4633  
21st Century (800) 322-8200

### **National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month**

November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. California is home to more individuals with Alzheimer's Disease (500,000) than any other state. In Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties there are 200,000 individuals with the disease. For every one person with the disease it impacts 4 others (spouse, siblings, children, grandchildren, friends, and/or co-workers). November is also National Caregivers Month, 84% of the care provided for individuals with Alzheimer's is by non paid caregivers (families & friends) and 70% of the people with the disease are cared for in the home. For more information about National Alzheimer's Awareness or the disease please contact the Alzheimer's Association, Inland Empire Regional Office, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties at 1-800-660-1993.

### **61<sup>st</sup> Assembly District Upcoming Events**

**“Operation Gobble Gobble” Open House: Friday, November 21, 2003 from 4p.m. – 7p.m. at the District Office located at 4959 Palo Verde Street, Suite 100B, Montclair.** You are cordially invited to our Thanksgiving Open House where you will have the opportunity to discuss legislative issues important to you and the community. If you wish, you may bring canned food. Local charities will be coming by to pick up and distribute the food to local families in need.

**Law Enforcement Advisory Committee: Friday, December 5, 2003 from 11a.m.-12p.m. location TBD.** State and local law enforcement officials and agencies will meet to discuss public safety issues and concerns with Assemblymember Negrete McLeod.

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